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SUBMISSION OF NEW DRAWINGS TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice Regarding Drawings issued May 31, 2004, applicants are submitting herewith eight (8) sheets of new drawings to replace the drawings originally filed with the above-identified application. It is believed that the new drawing sheets submitted herewith overcome all of the draftsperson's objections to the drawings, as indicated on the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review which accompanied the aforementioned Notice Regarding Drawings. If any objections remain, applicants stand ready to make whatever further corrections are considered to be necessary.

The statement in the Notice Regarding Drawings that corrected drawing received October 19, 2001 "are still not acceptable" is not understood. The drawing received by the PTO on or about October 19, 2001 were the original drawings, not corrected drawings. Moreover, the original drawings were indicated as "accepted" in the Official Action dated June 18, 2003, and again in the Notice of Allowability dated January 23, 2004. The original drawings were included in the application as published on April 24, 2003, Publication No. US2003/0075446A1.

These substitute drawings are being submitted within the inextendable one (1) month response period set in the Notice Regarding Drawing.

Entry of the enclosed drawings is respectfully requested. If any comparison fee is required to be paid, or if any other fee is due in connection with this submission, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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